



Sandhurst and District
GARDENING CLUB
NEWSLETTER



Dear Member

October 2018

Congratulations to everyone of you who entered our Autumn Show whether you won anything at all or not. Not only did we have a blisteringly hot summer similar to the one in 1976 but you turned up on the Saturday morning with your exhibits to find that access to the doors of the hall had been barred. The first time in 28 years that we haven't had unfettered access despite asking for the gate to be unlocked and told it would be. I am mentioning this particularly for the members who are not on e-mail. We were also told we couldn't use the car park by the Trading Hut as well. We have also been told that we cannot use our bell at the Trading Hut until we have permission because it is an 'unauthorised piece of equipment'. I can only apologise for this and tell you that our Chairman attended the recent Leisure committee meeting and brought these facts before the committee. The one good thing so far is the bell will be on the counter in Pistachios every Sunday until the hut closes at the end of November, courtesy of Parm the owner.

You all gave us a wonderful Show. Jane our Trading Secretary, helped you all with your exhibits for a solid three hours till the judges came. The vegetable judge, who judges at County level as well, said the quality of the vegetables was outstanding and the best she had seen this year. So pat yourself on the back and for those who didn't win anything at all, we wouldn't have had the Show we had without your entries. Thank you so much. Thank you also, helpers for teas, produce stall, raffle, etc.etc. - you are such a good bunch!!

Now on to brighter things, this month on **Wednesday October 17th at 7.30pm**. Ben Cross is coming to talk to us about Alstroemerias and the Cut Flower industry. He is a big commercial grower and will be bringing bunches of flowers for us to purchase - around £2.50. So do come.

Christmas Party . Tickets will be on sale. See inside. **THURSDAY December 13th**. Eats and entertainment.

FINALLY - please let me have **ALL the TROPHIES** you have won this year so I can get them engraved in time for Christmas. Either, and this would be easier for me, bring them to the next club night, or take them to the Trading Hut on a Sunday. I need them by the **end of OCTOBER** please.

Chris

TRADING HUT

The hut is now open on Sundays only until the 25th November. We then close for stocktaking and re-stocking, opening again on 20th January after the first club night.

HUT DOORBELL – Don't forget, until further notice, the doorbell for requesting the opening of the gate is on the counter in Pistachio's Café.

BUBBLE INSULATION (1.5m wide): Available at the hut at £1.90/m.

BULBS

As usual, we have a good selection of very cheap bulbs on sale at the hut.

Most have a r.r.p. of £2.99 but our price is just £1.90. They are selling fast so don't delay, get down to the hut asap. All remaining stocks will also be at the October club night.

*****HUT OPENING FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY WEEKEND*****

We will be opening on Saturday 10th November not Sunday 11th. Usually time, 9 to 10.45am. Owing to the football there may be a few problems with parking but, as it is not a particularly busy time of year, we should be able to cope.

CHRISTMAS PARTY - THURSDAY 13th December

****Please note that the party is on a **Thursday******

The Christmas party tickets will be available at the October club night and at the hut from the 22nd October. This year the ticket price is **£8**, the same as last year.

Jane Heritage keeps the tickets between meetings and hut openings so, if you need yours posting, send her a cheque payable to 'Sandhurst Gardening Club' together with a **SAE**. Address at the end of this newsletter under postal memberships. Also, if you have bought a ticket but find you cannot use it please phone Jane on 01276 600438 and she may be able to refund your money and sell it someone else.

Doors will be open at 7.15 for a 7.30pm start. Please don't arrive too early as we won't be ready. For those who have not been before we have entertainment, a wonderful selection of finger food (remember to save some room for the sweet), also a selection of wine and soft drinks to accompany the meal. **These are all included in the price of the ticket.**

The evening usually ends around 10.30pm after drawing the Christmas raffle.

COACH TRIPS

Our trip to London for a walk in the Kensington area. We arrived early around 10 o'clock, roads were empty, in slightly damp conditions. Our guide arrived at 10:30 outside the V&A Museum. Some of us popped in to have a look around and others to have a hot drink before she arrived.

We were given the history of the V&A and the connection to the Science Museum across the road. From there we walked down a road surrounded by mews cottages and our guide gave us an interesting talk on these. We crossed Exhibition Road and passed through the Imperial College again with a potted history of the colleges in London.

The Royal Albert Hall was next on our walk and did you know the foundation stone Queen Victoria laid can still be seen in row K? No idea which seat by the way. Across the road we went to the Royal Albert Memorial which looked splendid even in the rain. We ended the walk in Kensington Gardens.

Our guide gave us many interesting facts, but for me she was not in the late Val Pretlove's class. She will be sorely missed and I am not planning any more walks in London now she has gone.

Carol McGowan and I continued our walk after a light lunch in the palace cafe to the Princess Diana memorial water feature. The feature may look good on a hot day in summer, but where were the flowers or shrubs to soften the harsh cement design? We also watched the many swimmers racing on the Serpentine, not for us we decided. We spent the rest of the afternoon in the very interesting Science Museum.

Sheila Davenport

SUMMER SHOW TWIDDLEMUFFS

Several Members produced Twiddlemuffs for a handicraft class and what a colourful display they made.

Why are Twiddlemuffs used?

'For many people with dementia, there are developments and changes to their personalities, one of which is to become increasingly agitated. Twiddlemuffs help to ease agitation and calm the person's mood, as well as encouraging movement and brain stimulation.'

These have now been given to a local memory café run by the Alzheimer's Society and will soon be put to good use. Sue, pictured here, was delighted to accept the muffs on behalf of the society.



RHS GARDEN WISLEY TASTE OF AUTUMN - 17th to 21st October

Enjoy the best of the season with The Taste of Autumn Event, the orchard is laden with fruit and the garden is awash with colour. Prepare to be tempted by quality food and drink stalls, pick up advice, be wowed by displays and much more at this must-see autumn event.

TOP 10 JOBS TO DO IN OCTOBER

For further information go to www.rhs.org.uk/advice

1. Divide established rhubarb crowns to create new plants
2. Cut back perennials that have died down
3. Divide herbaceous perennials
4. Move tender plants, including aquatic ones, into a greenhouse or conservatory
5. Plant out spring cabbages
6. Harvest apples, pears, grapes and nuts
7. Prune climbing roses
8. Finish collecting seeds from the garden to sow next year
9. Last chance to mow lawns and trim hedges in mild areas
10. Renovate old lawns or create new grass areas by laying turf

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Our Email address is: enquiries@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk This will direct your mail to a committee member who can deal with it or pass it on to the relevant person.

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